

USACE FINANCE CENTER  
BIWEEKLY REPORT  
PERIOD ENDING 22 SEPTEMBER 2000

**CEFMS**

a. The CEFMS Development team is continuing to test the year-end closing procedures and programs. Status of testing is as follows:

Planned   Status

E2	WAD	Complete
K0	SAD	Complete
T0	UFC	In Progress - Testing by UFC, Millington
N0	TAO	Complete
E7	NAU	Complete
U4	WES	Plan to start 9/21/2000
G5	NWK	In Progress - UFC
K6	SAS	In Progress - Testing by UFC, Millington
H3	LRN	Complete
K7	SAW	Complete
A0	HNC	In Progress - Testing by HNC
M2	SWF	Plan to start 9/21/2000

b. The CEFMS Development Team is continuing to work with Mobile District IM office and the Processing Centers on Performance problems. We are convinced that all sites will be able to complete their work in CEFMS and close the fiscal year. We know that processing will slow down due to the increased end of year traffic, but that's not unusual---we had the same issue last year and last year we were on the character based system (not GUI). The main problem has been response time from the network and that would impact all AIS traffic not just CEFMS. Several changes to the routing have been made and it appears, as of yesterday afternoon, the response time in Mobile is adequate for CEFMS processing.

We are also working other problems that relate to the form server and logger going down. Some districts are not having this problem while others, like Mobile, may have two or three occurrences in a day. We are running trace files on these processes to assist in isolating the root cause of these crashes. We are committed to correcting this problem and we will work the issue until we implement modifications that correct the problem.

c. A web site has been established to monitor CEFMS YEAR END CLOSING. It is a year-end closing portal and the web site is as follows:

[http://rmf22.usace.army.mil:1526/ye/ye\\_status.show\\_ye\\_portal](http://rmf22.usace.army.mil:1526/ye/ye_status.show_ye_portal)

**PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:**

a. The open problem report inventory is 711 versus 660 on the last report. The inventory includes 108 Priority #1 problem reports. The open inventory also includes 7 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

b. Fifty-five (55) of the sixty-two active databases have no imbalances, three (3) have

one, three (3) have three, and one (1) has five. The grand total of database imbalances across the system is 17 versus 33 on the last report.

**ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:**

**NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:**

LOCATION:	NUMBER:
HUNTSVILLE	24
MILLINGTON	291
WASHINGTON	1
OTHER	1
TOTAL	317

**DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:**

PAYMENT	Current month Ending 09/22/00	Year to Date
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**BY CHECK:**

Checks Issued	16,965	295,512
Percent of Total	36.7%	46.9%
Dollar Amount	\$ 258,937,993	\$3,332,457,367

**BY EFT:**

Transfer Made	29,245	334,047
Percent of Total	63.3%	53.1%
Dollar Amount	\$ 512,922,222	\$5,872,703,944

**OTHER UFC ISSUES:**

a. The USACE Finance Center has sent a customer service survey to all supported activities. The results of the survey will be provided to Mr. Coakley, DCSRM. The UFC will use the survey results to help improve services to our customers.

b. The following demonstrates an outstanding USACE achievement reducing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) delinquent Accounts Receivables:

(1) The total disaster accounts receivables over 90 days old is \$1.4 M. This is significantly down from a high of \$104 M in March 1999. We are continuing to work with USACE activities and FEMA to reduce the outstanding balance.

(2) The total floodplain accounts receivables over 90 days old is \$1.1 million—down from \$3.7 M for the period ending 31 March 1999. \$812 K of the \$1.1 M is for orders from expired or expiring funds (FY 95 and prior). HQ USACE is working with FEMA management personnel to adjudicate the settlement of these receivables.

c. During the week of 18 September, we trained two GAO auditors and four Army Audit Agency auditors in Standard Query Language. The GAO auditors are assigned to an audit of construction in progress costs. The Army Audit Agency auditors are part of AAA's team that is auditing the CFO statements.

d. On September 11, USACE Finance Center employees began to receive their benefits support from the Army Benefits Center for Civilians (ABC-C) in Fort Riley, KS. ABC-C provides automated benefits support for Retirement, TSP, Health and Life Insurance, and Survivor

Benefits. The system provides both interaction voice responses with trained counselors, as well as, a web application.

e. Mr. Clark King, President of IFPTE Local 259, and Mr. Larry Donald, Vice President of IFPTE Local 259, visited the Finance Center on 14 September to meet the UFC Director and to tour the facility. Mr. Clark discussed several issues and made several requests including the desire for union office space at the Finance Center and for joint management/union training. I indicated that I would be receptive to granting the request and that I would consider the feasibility of other requests such as internal mail privileges for the union and providing a computer with Internet access.

f. Two Finance Center employees have been appointed as management negotiators for upcoming union contract negotiations. These two employees are attending the USDA Graduate School Course, "Negotiating Labor Contracts" this week in Boston, MA. Additional supervisory training and joint union/management training are also planned. Mr. Brockman has been nominated to attend the Army Labor and Employee Relations/EEO Course for Executives in Aberdeen, 6-9 Nov 00. Per our request, Jeannie Hansohn is assisting in ensuring that Mr. Brockman is provided a priority 1 for attending this class.

g. Mr. Lee Williams, Director of the South Central Civilian Personnel Operations Center (CPOC) visited the USACE Finance Center on September 20. He discussed customer service, Modern DCPDS deployment plans, and an internal CPOC reorganization planned for the Classification and Staffing Divisions.

h. Timekeeper training was conducted 14 Sep 00 in preparation of the Year-end. All labor will be posted through 30 September 2000. The Resource Management Directorate has been testing the FY00 CEFMS Pre-close programs in preparation of fiscal year-end. All showstoppers have been reviewed and corrected in anticipation of a clean and successful year-end closeout of the Finance Center CEFMS database.

i. The UFC has completed its 100% review of Unliquidated Obligations review for FY00. Adjustments have been made to the Finance Center CEFMS database as of 7 Sep 00. The five appropriations carried by the UFC were reviewed. Results of the review were as follows:

Commitments of \$4,758,758.30 were reviewed with \$25 K decommitted.  
Total Undelivered Orders of \$49,864,039.15 were reviewed with \$161K deobligations. Accounts Payables of \$25,296,906.86 were reviewed with no required adjustments necessary.  
Customer Orders of \$200,619.16 were reviewed and \$15,316.30 in excess funds returned.

j. On September 19, 2000, the UFC Directorate Accounting Operation Review and Analysis Division CFO accounting staff provided an SF 133 briefing for Kenneth Nelson, Evelyn Specht and Linda Tomkins of HQ USACE Budget Office (CERM-B) at the UFC in Millington, TN. This meeting was requested by UFC as a result of email between ASA-CW, OMB and HQ USACE. The following issues were discussed:

Accounting for Washington Aqueduct - Borrowing Authority  
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund  
Special Recreation Fees (96X5007) SRUF  
Coastal Wetlands

Federal Agencies Centralized Trial Balance (FACTS II) and Program & Financing (P&F) Schedule  
"Double Counting" for intragovernmental disbursement and obligation transactions with in the CORPS

Linda Hicklin from OMB was teleconferenced into the meeting. UFC R&A accounting staff addressed each of the issues and were able to clear up some of the misunderstanding and miscommunications. On the "Double Counting" and reporting Level 3 (Intra-Corps) Elimination Data in FACTS II issue, it was requested by OMB that R&A accounting staff provide copies/excerpts from guidance and other source documents that supported and validated the reporting requirements associated with FACT II. Also discussed during this meeting was how the FACTS II submission, which produces the SF133 and 2108 report, did not match the Program and Financing Schedule from the OMB MAX database.

On November 30, 2000, the R&A CFO accounting staff will be attending a meeting with OMB, ASA-CW and USACE-HQ staff in Washington, DC to resolve any additional or unresolved issues.